

EGYPT

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Egypt sent an appeal to the Security Council of the United ~~St~~ Nations, tonight. Asking the Council to keep, what Egypt calls "vigilant eyes" on the western plan for a Suez Canal "Users Association." The message from C^hairo does not suggest any particular action. Merely saying - that the western moves threaten Egyptian sovereignty and are a danger to world peace. So keep "vigilant eyes" on the situation.

SUEZ INDIA

At Cairo, today, India's roving Ambassador, Krishna Menon - changed his mind. Which might, we hear, indicate a development in the Suez dispute.

Krishna Menon, sent by Prime Minister Nehru - for an interview with Egyptian President Nasser. Trying to get a better understanding of the Egyptian position in the Canal controversy. Before going in to see Nasser, Krishna Menon told newsmen - he didn't know what he would do next. What action, if any - following his conversation with Nasser.

But then, when he came out, he reversed ~~his~~ that. He said - he would now go to London, for conferences there. All the more to the point - because of the big ^{session} ~~palaver~~ on Suez, soon to begin in London.

Apparently, Krishna Menon's decision to proceed on to the British capital was made - while he was in conference with Nasser. So India's roving Ambassador might be taking to London some word from the Egyptian Premier.

SUEZ DULLES

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles is on his way to the London conference - following a ~~is~~ last minute meeting with President Eisenhower. The Secretary saying - he still hopes that some agreement can be reached in the Suez Canal crisis. So that, western Europe ~~may~~ may continue to get supplies of oil - via that waterway.

But, if not, this country stands ready to advance loans for the purchase of American oil. How much? He doesn't say. But experts figure - western Europe will need about half a billion dollars a year, to cover the extra cost.

This American oil would supplement the near Eastern supplies - transported around the Cape of Good Hope. The longer way around - which would cost more. But a State Department ~~spoke~~ spokesman says - this country has no plan to pay any part of that extra cost. We'd simply provide loans - for the purchase of American oil.

It remains to be seen how the West European countries will take the prospect of borrowing money. Instead of getting

~~is~~ as a grant. But the Secretary of State will point out that in any case, it's cheaper than a war.

(Today, the Dulles remarks indicated - that there are two apprehensions: One - that Nasser will refuse to let ships through, ships, that is, of the newly proposed "Users Association." The other - that the Suez Canal might decline severely in efficiency under Egyptian operation. So we^are making plans to meet - either eventuality, or both. Dulles declaring that alternative sources of oil for western Europe are being worked out - as "A prudent precaution.")

SUEZ CANAL OPERATION

Now, let's see - how the canal is operating.

Today, thirty-six vessels ~~are~~ passed through the waterway - which is one-eighth fewer than the daily average, when the canal was run by the old company. The convoys were smaller than in the past, and one convoy was cancelled tonight - because only two vessels showed up to join it. Ships going through proceeded more slowly than in the past. One convoy took sixteen hours for the passage through the canal - which normally would require between thirteen and fifteen hours.

Some inefficiency appearing. But an Egyptian spokesman said the waterway was being run well "under the circumstances."

Meanwhile, ~~are~~ fifteen Russian pilots began training. With Greeks and Egyptians, as instructors.

PALESTINE

Another clash in Palestine-reported. Egypt claiming
- that an Israeli patrol crossed the frontier of the southern
desert - and ~~ata~~ attacked an Egyptian defense position. Then
driven back - no casualties reported. This, they say,
happened near El Auja ^{*in the Sinai Desert,*} where there was a large scale battle
a year ago.

In Jerusalem, an Israeli military spokesman says-
he knows nothing of this latest incident.

SWEDEN ELECTION

Final returns are in from a weekend election in Sweden. The figures showing - some shift of political strength. But no prospect of a change in the Stockholm government. The Socialist coalition - to go right on.

The Socialists lost a couple of seats. Their allies, the agrarians - losing twenty-six. But they ~~will~~ still retain - an outright majority.

(The Conservative opposition made a ~~gain~~ gain - but nothing decisive. And, the Communists increased their popular vote virtually all over Sweden. Winning an additional parliamentary ~~seat~~ seat. But they still are a small minority - rising from five to six members in the Stockholm legislature.)

PELAGIA

American shipwreck survivors, now in Norway complain - about their lifeboat. Saying - it was equipped so badly, they were hardly able to survive.

The U.S. ore ship "Pelagia" broke in two, and sank in Arctic waters. Of the crew of thirty-one, apparently only five were saved. Their lifeboat getting free - of the sinking vessel. The other boats - too badly damaged.

Today at the Norwegian port of Harstad, two survivors declared - their lifeboat sprang a leak and they could hardly keep it afloat. There were signal rockets aboard - but most of them didn't work. They say - they will put in an official complaint, when they get back to the United States.

EQUATOR

At the Hanscom Air Base, Bedford, Massachusetts -
another *got under way.*
round-the-world flight ~~began today.~~ This one - something
special. The huge air force plac^e - a scientific laboratory.
The course of the flight? Well, it will zigzag the Equator.

This globe of ours is ran^dged by a magnetic field -
high up. And has a geomagnetic Equator. But not - exactly,
So the Air Force project is - to map out that Equator which
has to do with magnetism.

The flying laboratory will circle the world in
the tropics - at an altitude of eighteen thousand feet.
Weaving - to the North and South of the geographical Equator.
Scientific instruments - keeping tab on the magnetic line.

All - in connection with the international geophysical
year, which begins in Nineteen Fifty-Seven. The mapping of the
magnetic Equator - to be a help in the launching of that
artificial satellite, the man-made moon.


CRASHES

Two air crashes in the late news. Near Madera, California, a global jet bomber plunged to earth - hitting in a "ball of flame." The huge eight-jet B-fifty-two normally carries a crew of six. And at least two were killed.

Far out in the Pacific, a four-engine Navy Constellation - forced down at sea - one hundred miles south of Guam. The ocean - calm. Search planes - sighting flares and life rafts. Good hope, apparently - for the ~~ENNN~~ crew of eighteen.

RIESEL

The F B I - in a manhunt for a suspect in
the case of Victor Riesel. The Labor Columnist - blinded
in an acid-throwing attack. The man wanted, an executive ■■
in the garment industry - Theodore Rij. The F B I charging-
that he was in the acid-throwing conspiracy. They call this
New York dressmaking executive "extremely dangerous." A
Grand Jury has already indicted seven in the Riesel case-
and now another name is added.



ADD REISEL

This business man, described as "extremely
dangerous", ^{and} ~~is~~ a former body guard of Johnny Dio - one of
those indicted.

FARM INCOME

The Department of Agriculture releases figures of farm income - ~~mid~~ during the present quarter of the year. July - through September. Indicating - that the money the farmers got will reach an annual rate of twelve billion dollars. Last year, for the July September quarter, the figure was eleven billions a year. Farm income up, right now - to the tune of an annual billion.

For earlier months of Nineteen Fifty six, January through August, the total figure in the sale of agricultural products was two percent more than last year. The farmers *in* pocket ~~is~~ more than seventeen billion dollars for their crops.

All of which has a political meaning. There's talk of a farmer's revolt - against the Eisenhower administration. But that ^{*is*} ~~is~~ less likely - as farm income rises.

STEVENSON

Adlai Stevenson answered an inevitable question, today. Inevitable, ever since former President Truman declared he did not believe Alger Hiss guilty. H.S.T. repeating - that the charge of Red espionage against Hiss was a Republican "Red Herring." And he likewise declared in his belief in the innocence of former Government officials Harry Dexter White and Gregory Silvermaster - ~~fk~~ charged with serving Soviet espionage.

These Truman remarks provoked an uproar, and newsmen were certain to ask Stevenson - did he agree with the former President? The opportunity - today. When the Democratic nominee held a news conference.

Adlai Stevenson replied - that he does believe Alger Hiss was guilty. He referred back to his own statement in the Nineteen Fifty Two campaign, when he said: "I have never doubted the verdict of the ^{jury} ~~jury~~ which convicted him." Which is still - his opinion.

Reporters then asked him - if his declaration on Hiss placed him at odds with former President Truman? Stevenson replied: "That is where the record must rest."

He blamed Vice President Nixon and G O P National Chairman Leonard Hall - for calling on him to give his opinion of the Truman statement, about the innocence of Hiss. Declaring that they were taking - the "low road." Well, there's a lot of talk, in this election, about the "high road" and the "low road." But then, everybody promises a "fighting campaign." And would it be proper to go fighting and brawling on the "high road".

At the news conference today, Adlai was asked about another ~~Truman~~ Truman remark, when H.S.T. called the Eisenhower administration - racketeers. Stevenson replied! "I would not have used that precise word, myself." Maybe that isn't the high road either - to call your political opponents 'racketeers'."

As for his call for an abolition of the draft, "at the earliest possible moment consistent with national safety." he said - he did not suggest an immediate end ~~was~~ of the draft. But he does favor a re-examination of military policy - to see whether new military weapons might permit the draft to be ended.

(Inevitably - the newsmen asked him for his ~~opinion~~ opinion on the segregation issue in the south. He said he approved of the "rapidity" with which the Governors of Kentucky and Tennessee took action. To stop - violence. But would Stevenson, himself, have taken presidential action - if he had been in the White House? He ~~would~~ wouldn't say - no reply in the bedeviled question of federal action to enforce racial integration in schools.)

SEGREGATION

The dispute at Clay, Kentucky, over four negro pupils in the local elementary school has ended. The negro pupils ~~are~~ barred.

Today, soldiers of the National Guard were still on duty - to insure their entrance into the school. ~~But~~ But a boycott by white pupils - was in full force. And the principal of the school confronted the negro mothers - with ~~the~~ orders issued by local school authorities. Saying - the four children should not be admitted. Instead, they should return to an all-negro school in the nearby town of Providence.

The mothers decided - they'd abide by this, and would take the children to the all-negro school. Whereupon, white pupils filed into the school building at Clay. Ending - the boycott.

This election year, it may seem appropriate to refer to the story - of a frustrated politician. Written - *by the veteran novelist,* ~~by our old friend,~~ Homer Croy. So what frustrated politician does he tell about? Cole Younger - so prominent in the story of Jesse James. The younger brothers and the James Brothers - collaborators in the doings of the old west. Holding up banks - holding up trains, so what's the political angle?

Well, Homer Croy in his book "The Last of the Great Outlaws" points out that the bandits of the type of Jesse James - were products of the Civil War.

The brutal border war in the Missouri-Kansas area. Which left ~~many~~ confederate soldiers - as outlaws. Except for that, they might have settled quietly on farms. Or, in the case of the Cole Younger - gone into politics.

His family - political. His father - having been a member of the Missouri state legislature. So Cole Younger's ambition would have been - to run for office, and get elected.

But, instead, Civil War conditions - made him one of the most famous of outlaws.

Yet he had a lifelong interest in politics. Which was a preoccupation of his - while he served long years in prison. His favorite reading - the messages that Presidents sent to Congress. Cole Younger - a fan for presidential messages. Saying - everybody should read them.

Homer Croy, ⁱⁿ remarks ⁱⁿ that, if it hadn't been for the Civil War - Cole Younger, instead of becoming a bandit, ^{or} would have gone into politics, ^{adds that as a figure in} ~~Maybe crooked~~ ^{says Homer} public life he might have been even more of a robber.

EGGS

In London, the Australian high commission threw a party, today - and there were three guests of honor.

Selected - because of their names. Most appropriate names.

The party celebrated the arrival, in Britain - of the first consignment of eggs from Australia. A new line of business

opening up - and the Australian high commission was promoting ^{— eggs}

Hence those guests of honor - with appropriate names.

One - Mr. Thomas Henn. Another - Mrs. Elizabeth

Chick. And finally - Mr. Henry Eggs. You could take those

^{Henry -}
names, and tell the whole story. The Hen lays an Egg, which

hatches a chick. Am I right?